

NCBV Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2014
3:30pm

1. Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum

Operators Present:

Richard Saperstein, Chairperson
Bert Hansen, Vice Chairperson
Bill Schley, Secretary and Northern Representative
Harold Petrofsky, Southern Representative

Benita McHenry
Carol Ewing
Ben Giron
Beth Perring
Ed Hopkins
Nels Brown

Staff Present:

Melaine Mason, Deputy Administrator, Rehabilitation Division, DETR
Drazen Elez, Program Chief, Rehabilitation Division, DETR/BEN
Scott Haag, BEO II, Rehabilitation Division, DETR/BEN
Russell Smith, BEO I, Rehabilitation Division, DETR/BEN
Susie Park, BEO I, Rehabilitation Division, DETR/BEN
Janette Parish, AA IV, Rehabilitation Division, DETR/BEN
Jeanne Clark, AA II, Rehabilitation Division, DETR/BEN

Robert Whitney, Deputy Attorney General, State of Nevada

II. Verification of Posting

Jeanne Clark stated that the agenda was posted in a correct and timely manner and was presently on file.

III. First Public Comment, Richard Saperstein

Carol Ewing expressed her happiness that some of the New Business items had advanced to this current stage.

IV. For Possible Action-Vote to Accept the Agenda, Richard Saperstein

Harold Petrofsky made a motion to approve the agenda and Bill Schley seconded that motion and it carried unanimously.

V. Welcome and Introduction of Guests, Richard Saperstein

Gloria Giron and Frances Baker were present.

VI. For Possible Action- Approval of the minutes for the Nevada Committee of Blind Vendors meeting, August 15, 2014, Richard Saperstein

Bert Hansen made a motion to accept these meeting minutes; Harold Petrofsky seconded them and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. Old Business

A. Reports from subcommittees listed below:

1. Finance, Carol Ewing

Ms. Ewing reported that her committee met with the Policy and Procedures Subcommittee on July 25, 2014 and are very aware of what's going on and are prepared to hold a finance committee meeting when needed.

2. Policies and Procedures, Harold Petrofsky

Harold Petrofsky reminded all of the meeting the day prior in which the drafts of the retirement and reimbursement health care costs policies were examined. He complimented Melaine Mason on her review and discussions of all the changes of both revisions adding that all in attendance seemed to be in agreement and pleased with the changes. Richard Saperstein admitted his satisfaction with the results with hopes that all other Operators felt the same.

3. Training, Bill Schley

Mr. Schley had nothing new to report.

4. Legislative Watchdog, Kawana Pohe

Not in attendance

5. Future Planning, Bert Hansen

Mr. Hansen had nothing new to report.

VIII. New Business

A. For Possible Action- Vote to approve proposed changes to NAC 426.383 & 426.387 related to Retirement Benefits and Health Care Cost Reimbursement, Melaine Mason

Melaine Mason stated that we have crossed the bridge of the next step in rewriting the NAC's, the regulations for retirement and health care costs. We also needed to come up with a policy and procedure to submit at the same time which we went through yesterday. She then reviewed the two major changes of those policies voted on the day prior. The first change, was the base reserve amount of \$3 million; the second was in the health care cost revision showing a typo at the bottom of the health care cost that was seen on the bottom of page one. The word, "reminder" replaced by the word, "remainder". Both changes were revised and sent out the day before; she then opened up this discussion for questions.

Bert Hansen made a motion to approve the revised changes to the NAC 426 and their related subtitles. Bill Schley seconded it and the motion carried unanimously.

B. For Possible Action –Vote to Approve new Retirement Policy, Harold Petrofsky

For the Committee vote Bill Schley made a motion to accept the new policy changes; Harold Petrofsky seconded this motion with the Committee voting "aye". For all Operators Mr. Saperstein asked all to say "aye" if they wished to accept the new policy as amended the day prior at the Policies and Procedures meeting. The group voted "aye" There were no "nays".

C. For Possible Action- Vote to approve new Health Care Cost Reimbursement Policy, Harold Petrofsky

Harold Petrofsky made a motion to accept the new health care cost reimbursement policy as described in the September 11, 2014 subcommittee meeting. Bert Hansen seconded it. The Operators also collectively voted “aye” with no “nays”.

D. For Possible Action- Vote to approve renewal of NFBEI Membership, Drazen Elez

Mr. Saperstein reminded all that the Program joined the NFBEI last year at a cost of \$3,000 and expressed his belief that we had gotten our money's worth. He asked for any comments or questions regarding this before he called for a vote.

Drazen Elez referred to the e-mailed attachment to that meeting's agenda which outlined the value of the membership. He also spoke of receiving important feedback since its initiation from Terry Smith and NFBEI's staff. Carol Ewing expressed her gratitude in receiving this attachment as she had forgotten some of the items mentioned in the attachment adding that she felt that NFBEI was very positive to the program in its benefits and thanked the Program for accepting the initial subscription. **Bert Hansen made a motion to renew the Program's membership in the NFBEI and Harold Petrofsky seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

IX. Second Public Comment, Richard Saperstein

There was no public comment at this time.

X. Discussion- Date for Next NCBV Meeting, Richard Saperstein
Friday, December 19th at 3:30pm was tentatively chosen for the next NCBV meeting.

XI. Adjournment, Richard Saperstein

Harold Petrofsky made a motion to adjourn this meeting; Bert Hansen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

This meeting adjourned 3:50pm